2$th February MAIMED SOLDIERS TO BE EXAMINED

A proclamation signed *by* the Lords of the Privy Council is published ordering all soldiers who allege that they have served in the wars and still remain in London to be brought before those appointed at the Sessions Hall in the Old Bailey on Saturday next at one o'clock They are to be examined and viewed so that some good order may be taken for the maimed in service, and for the punishment of the others, common beggars, rogues and able persons, counterfeiting the name of soldiers

2$tb February THE SCOTTISH WITCHES

A pamphlet is punted called *News from Scotland* declaring the damnable life and death of Doctor Fian, a noted sorcerer who was executed at Edinburgh in January last, together with the examination of the witches, as they were uttered m the presence of the Scottish King

The conspnacy of these witches was first brought to light by one David Seaton, deputy bailiff of the town of Trewent.

This Seaton had a maid servant called Geillis Duncan that used secretly to be absent from her master's house every other night when she took m hand almost miraculously to help all that were troubled with any kind of sickness or infirmity, which caused such wonder that her master began to suspect these things to be done by some unnatural or extraordinary means Whereupon he began to be very inquisitive, and when she gave him no answer, that he might the better learn the truth, with the help of others he tormented her with the torture of the pilliwinks upon her fingers and by binding a rope round her head Still she would not confess anything, which made them suspect that she had been marked by the devil, and making diligent

search about her
they found the enemy's mark in her throat, whereon she con-
fessed that all her doings were done by witchcraft through the
wicked allurement of the devil

After her confession she was committed to prison, where
through her accusations she caused certain other notorious
witches to be apprehended, notably Agnes Sampson of Haddmg-
ton, and Dr Fian, *alias* John Cunningham, master of the school
at Saltpans in Lowthian This Agnes Sampson was brought
to Holyrood House before the King aad others of the nobility of